



# St Mary the Virgin Rickmansworth

*Serving the whole community*

# Alleluia!

## Eastertide All-age Holy Communion Service

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### Hymn

#### The Greeting – Saying hello

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

God is good all the time.  
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#### Confession – Prayers to help us say sorry

Let us remember the things we have done wrong,  
remembering that God helps us to put them right.

**Lord God, I am sorry for the things I have done wrong: saying unkind words, thinking bad thoughts, being mean to other people, forgetting you. Help me to remember you let me begin every day anew and that your love and forgiveness for everyone are real. Amen.**

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

#### Gloria in Excelsis – Giving glory to God

Minister Glory to God in the highest,

Adults **Glory to God**

Children **Glory to God in the highest.**

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Adults **Glory to God**

Children **Glory to God in the highest.**

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Adults **Glory to God**

Children **Glory to God in the highest.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Adults **Glory to God**

Children **Glory to God in the highest.**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Adults **Glory to God**

Children **Glory to God in the highest.**

#### The Collect – The special prayer for the day

Readings *At the end* This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: Alleluia, alleluia. I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore. **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end* This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### Sermon

##### Affirmation of Faith ~ Saying we believe

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?  
**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?  
**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?  
**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Intercessions (See separate sheet) *All kneel/sit*

#### The Peace *All stand*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia. *cf John 20.19*

Alleluia. The peace of the risen Christ be always with you **and also with you. Alleluia.**

### Hymn

### Preparation of the table

With this bread that we bring  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

With this wine that we bring  
**we shall remember Jesus.**

Bread for his body, wine for his blood, gifts from God  
to his table we bring.

**We shall remember Jesus.**

### The Eucharistic Prayer – Remembering the Last Supper

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*Children* **Why is it right to give thanks and praise?**  
**Listen, and we will hear.**

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living  
things reflect your glory. You give us this great and  
beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you because you  
raised him gloriously from the dead. For he is the true  
paschal lamb who was offered for us, and has taken  
away the sin of the world. By his death he has  
destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has  
restored to us everlasting life.

You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with  
the angels and sing your praise: **Holy, holy, holy  
Lord, God of power and might, heaven and  
earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the  
highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of  
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned  
away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us  
on the cross and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

*Children* **Why do we share this bread and wine?**  
**Listen, and we will hear.**

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen,  
Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared  
it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for  
you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave  
thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is  
my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the  
forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his  
love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these  
gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and  
more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

*Children* **How do we follow Jesus Christ?**  
**Listen, and we will hear.**

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look  
forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all  
creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with Mary, Alban and all your saints we give  
you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the  
Spirit, today and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer: Rejoicing in God's new creation, as  
our Saviour taught us, so we pray: **Our Father in  
heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom  
come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our  
sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead  
us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are  
yours now and for ever. Amen.**

The breaking of the bread: We break the bread of life,  
and that life is the light of the world. **God here  
among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to  
light and life.**

### Giving of Communion

*The president says the invitation to communion*

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*All receive communion or a Blessing*

Post-communion Prayer: *The prayer of the day is said*

Prayer: We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this  
sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a  
foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all  
peoples. **Amen.**

Hymn:

Blessing: The God of peace, who brought again from  
the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the  
sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make  
you perfect in every good work to do his will, working  
in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the  
blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the  
Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

**Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.**  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

*Please remain in your place until guided to leave  
by one of the Service Stewards.*

*Please do not 'mingle' outside... Sorry about that*